THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Funds are released under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) by the Ministry to the States/Union Territories/Central Agencies, not to the districts. An amount of Rs. 733.06 crore during 2007-08 and Rs. 344.70 crore during 2008-09 (till date) has been released by the Ministry to Bihar including releases made to the central agencies under PMGSY.

(b) 1665.35 km. road length during 2007-08 and about 489 km. road length during 2008-09 (upto August, 08) has been completed in Bihar under PMGSY.

(c) As per the provisional data available for Bihar, 2850 habitations having population of 1000 persons or more are balance to be covered under PMGSY.

(d) The Ministry has indicated its willingness to the State Government to upgrade 2000 km of through routes in the core network of the affected districts, which have been substantially damaged by the recent flood. This would be in addition to the target of upgradation set under Bharat Nirman for the State.

Employment under NREGA

600. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States under flagship scheme National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) have been able to provide employment since its implementation to the rural poor to the fullest extent;

(b) if so, which are those States; and

(c) if not, which are the States and the reason therefor and what action Government is taking against those since unemployment is the burning issue in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) NREGA is demand based. The Act provides for a legal guarantee of 100 days of wage employment to every rural household in a financial year for doing un-skilled manual work on demand. As such NREGA is not confined to rural poor. Number of days of employment provided to a household depends on the number of days of employment demanded by a household. As per provisions of the Act, employment is to be provided to a job seeker with in 15 days from the date from which employment has been demanded. Workers are free to take up any other employment in addition to the employment sought under NREGA. Demand for work under NREGA in a particular area depends on the availability of other employment opportunities in that area. Employment demand is likely to be low in districts that are comparatively more developed with greater opportunities of employment in other avenues both in agricultural and rural non-farm activities. State-wise data regarding number of days of employment provided to a household, persondays of employment generated, average persondays per household and the number of households which have completed 100 days of employment during the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (up to September, 08) are given in statement-I, statement-II and statement-III respectively.

Statement-I

Statewise data regarding number of days of Employment provided to a household, persondays of employment granted, average persondays per household and number of household completing 100 days of employment during 2006-2009 (upto Sept. 08)

Employment under NREGA during 2006-07

S.No.	State	No. of households provided employment (In lakhs)	Persondays (In lakhs)	Average Persondays Per HH	Cumulative number of households which have completed 100 days of employment
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	21.61	678.77	31.40	57946
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.17	4.53	26.76	0
3	Assam	7.92	572.92	72.31	185160
4	Bihar	16.89	596.87	35.34	60310
5	Chhattisgarh	12.57	700.21	55.72	130302
6	Gujarat	2.26	100.48	44.41	12208
7	Haryana	0.51	24.12	47.51	5626
8	Himachal Pradesh	0.64	29.9	47.08	16815
9	Jammu and Kashmir	1.21	32.3	26.62	11758
10	Jharkhand	13.94	520.47	37.33	51065
11	Karnataka	5.45	222.01	40.72	69789
12	Kerala	0.99	20.48	20.66	537
13	Madhya Pradesh	28.66	1971.77	68.79	531556
14	Maharashtra	3.53	159.28	45.12	5341
15	Manipur	0.18	18.57	103.86	0
16	Meghalaya	0.97	24.22	25.07	575
17	Mizoram	0.51	7.85	15.39	5946
18	Nagaland	0.28	13.08	46.91	0
19	Orissa	13.94	799.34	57.33	154118
20	Punjab	0.32	15.57	49.20	5327
21	Rajasthan	11.75	998.87	85.00	639219
22	Sikkim	0.04	2.42	58.92	222
23	Tamil Nadu	6.83	182.79	26.74	1824

1	2	3	4	5	6
24	Tripura	0.74	50.13	67.44	19577
25	Uttar Pradesh	25.73	822.91	31.98	154953
26	Uttaranchal	1.34	40.6	30.23	3727
27	West Bengal	30.84	440.08	14.27	18817
	TOTAL	209.85	9050.54	43.13	214278

Statement-II

Employment under NREGA during 2007-08

S.No.	State	No. of households provided employment (In lakhs)	Persondays (In lakhs)	Average Persondays Per HH	Cumulative number of households which have completed 100 days of employment
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	48.04	2010.28	41.85	432357
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.04	2.79	62.14	2020
3	Assam	14.03	487.61	34.76	239473
4	Bihar	38.60	843.03	21.84	52825
5	Chhattisgarh	22.85	1316.11	57.60	256071
6	Gujarat	2.91	90.06	30.98	11416
7	Haryana	0.71	35.76	50.46	7402
8	Himachal Pradesh	2.71	97.53	35.98	13842
9	Jammu and Kashmir	1.17	36.80	31.51	1673
10	Jharkhand	16.80	747.54	44.50	49836
11	Karnataka	5.50	197.78	35.96	23081
12	Kerala	1.85	60.75	32.77	59443
13	Madhya Pradesh	43.47	2753.01	63.33	922107
14	Maharashtra	4.75	184.86	38.94	8349
15	Manipur	1.13	48.32	42.93	0
16	Meghalaya	1.06	41.33	38.98	6677
17	Mizoram	0.89	31.53	35.45	0
18	Nagaland	1.15	24.31	21.08	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
19	Orissa	10.97	405.23	36.95	37475
20	Punjab	0.50	19.15	38.54	2642
21	Rajasthan	21.70	1678.38	77.33	911248
22	Sikkim	0.20	8.60	43.73	2006
23	Tamil Nadu	12.35	645.25	52.25	77053
24	Tripura	4.24	181.05	42.73	1772
25	Uttar Pradesh	40.96	1363.05	33.27	436032
26	Uttaranchal	1.89	80.34	42.45	15658
27	West Bengal	38.43	968.77	25.21	31468
	TOTAL	338.89	14359.22	42.37	3601926

Statement-III

Employment under NREGA during 2008-09 (Upto Sept, 08)

S.No.	State	No. of households provided employment (In lakhs)	Persondays (In lakhs)	Average Persondays Per HH	Cumulative number of households which have completed 100 days of employment
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Andhra Pradesh	50.42	1568.30	31.11	196927
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
3	Assam	8.81	276.50	31.39	15604
4	Bihar	21.40	532.78	24.89	92033
5	Chhattisgarh	13.50	754.57	55.91	57504
6	Gujarat	3.84	80.26	20.89	5464
7	Haryana	0.56	19.96	35.55	51
8	Himachal Pradesh	2.73	70.28	25.76	3778
9	Jammu and Kashmir	0.45	13.74	30.45	411
10	Jharkhand	9.68	426.53	44.05	11286
11	Karnataka	3.85	92.93	24.15	7258
12	Kerala	2.35	41.90	17.84	177
13	Madhya Pradesh	35.22	1568.15	44.52	87432

1	2	3	4	5	6
14	Maharashtra	4.18	190.52	45.58	11294
15	Manipur	1.55	35.25	22.80	0
16	Meghalaya	1.09	31.03	28.52	7474
17	Mizoram	1.73	50.46	29.21	0
18	Nagaland	0.86	7.86	9.14	0
19	Orissa	5.97	206.94	34.67	6715
20	Punjab	0.42	8.85	21.24	104
21	Rajasthan	49.55	2775.62	56.02	487097
22	Sikkim	0.20	7.32	36.98	86
23	Tamil Nadu	26.41	702.34	26.59	27676
24	Tripura	4.61	115.71	25.09	0
25	Uttar Pradesh	23.05	986.02	42.78	137616
26	Uttaranchal	0.88	29.97	34.13	232
27	West Bengal	20.16	334.26	16.58	997
	TOTAL	293.46	10928.02	37.24	1157216

Provision of pure drinking water for Orissa

601. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to provide Rs.670 crores to the Orissa Government to fight fluoride content in water with a view to provide pure drinking water to the people in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan of the Centre to help the State to ensure provision of pure drinking water to all the villages/ schools in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Rural water supply is a state subject and State governments are primarily responsible to provide drinking water to the rural habitations. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments, financial assistance is provided to the States through the centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). State Governments are competent to plan, sanction, implement and execute rural water supply schemes from funds provided under ARWSP. To ensure availability of potable drinking water in all rural habitations within a timeframe, under Bharat Nirman programme launched by the Government of India in 2005-06 to be